

## [J. J. Jackson]

### FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER George Hartman ADDRESS 2438 W St. Lincoln

DATE December 1, 1938 SUBJECT Folklore

1. Name and address of informant J. J. Jackson, rural, Lincoln, Nebr.
2. Date and time of interview Thursday, 9 to 11.
3. Place of interview Farm
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant None
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you None
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

Lives in shack

### FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

I came to Nebraska in [?] and settled in Broken Bow. There were only two or three houses there then and everything was unsettled. No trees, nothing but prairie. There was no such thing as a blacksmith and a man had to do all of his own work. We used the grasshopper plow.

I do not know my exact age but it is around seventy. I do not even know who my parents were as I was raised and sold by three different men. If there was any work to do and I

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didn't do it I was whipped. (Mr. Jackson has a torn eye and a torn ear where somebody had mutilated him).

Here is a tall story that I heard years ago.

Out in the west in the eighties the great blizzard came up. It was snowing hard and a fierce gale was blowing. A man had got caught out in the storm and he was driving his team and he was lost. He kept going and hoping for a place to stop when he could find warmth and shelter.

He finally came to a long hill and finally forcing his team up this hill he came to a stop and peering around he noticed a stake that was sticking up through the snow. He got out of his wagon and tied his team of horses to the stake. He looked around and noticed a light down the hill, so he left his team and [?] wagon and trudged down to the light. He got to the light and found it was a house where he found shelter and warmth.

The man stayed at this house for a week until the storm died down and one day the sun came out and melted all of the snow.

He knew that his horses were probably dead or frozen to death so he thought he would go out and look for them and dispose of their bodies.

He looked all around and finally found them hanging to a church steeple. [??] DUP

### FORM B Personal History of Informant

1. Ancestry German
2. Place and date of birth Kentucky, 1869
3. Family

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4. Places lived in, with dates Kentucky, 1869-89 Nebraska, 1889-1938

5. Education, with dates None

6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates

Farmer, laborer

7. Special skills and interests

8. Community and religious activities None

9. Description of informant Two fingers left on right hand, right ear slashed. Small, thin, gray-eyed, bow-legged.

10. Other points gained in interview

Claims to been a white slave. [C. 15 Neb?]